

I flew regularly into College Park with my personal plane because it offers nearby subway service to DC, where I go for business and for weekend visits.

Since it was shut down I have made no pleasure visits to DC, though there were several times I wished to go, and my business visits are a major inconvenience. There is simply no alternative airport that provides such convenient access to the city.

I would expect many others have similar concerns so the shutdown of these airports has reduced tourism and business travel to DC.

I recognize there are security concerns, though I have serious reservations about the any damage a rogue light aircraft could produce in the unlikely event this would occur. We pilots know who our passengers are. They would not be in the plane if they were not known to be trustworthy.

Should you require that flight plans be required to re-establish service to the local DC airports, that's fine with me. I earnestly hope these national treasures are returned to the people very soon.

Thank you for your consideration.